

An Admonition

To all such as shall intend hereafter to enter the state of Matrimonie, godlily and agreeably to lawes.

First, that they contract not with such persons as be hereafter expressed, nor with any of like degree, against the law of God, and the lawes of the Realme.
Secondly, that they make no secrete contracts, without consent and counsell of their Parents or Elders, under whose authoritie they be: contrarie to Gods lawes, and mans ordinances.
Thirdly, that they contract not anew with anie other upon divorce and separation made by the Judge for a time, the lawes yet standing to the contrarie.

Marriage is honorable among all men, and the bed undefiled. But whoremongers and adulterers God will iudge. Heb. 13.
To avoide fornication, let euerie man haue his wife, and let euerie woman haue her husband. He that can not containe, let him marrie: For better it is to marrie, then to burne. 1. Cor. 7.
Unto the married I commaund, not I, but the Lord: Let not the wife depart from her husband. But if she depart, let her remaine unmarried, or be reconciled unto her husband. And let not the husband put away his wife. 1. Cor. 7.

LEVITICVS. XVIII. & XX.

None shall come neere to anie of the kinred of his flesh to vncouer her shame: I am the Lord.

¶ A man may not marrie his			¶ A woman may not marrie with her		
<i>Secundus gradus in linea recta ascendente.</i>			<i>Secundus gradus in recta linea ascendente</i>		
Con. Aua	1	Grandmother.	Con. Auus	1	Grandfather.
af. Aui relictā	2	Grandfathers wife.	af. Aui relictus	2	Grandmothers husband.
af. Profocus, vel focrus magna.	3	Wives Grandmother.	af. Profocus, vel focer magnus	3	Husbands grandfather.
<i>Secundus gradus, inaequalis in linea transversa ascendente.</i>			<i>Secundus gradus inaequalis in linea transversa ascendente</i>		
Con. Amita	4	Fathers sister.	Con. Patruus	4	Fathers brother.
af. Matertera	5	Mothers sister.	af. Auunculus	5	Mothers brother.
af. Patru relictā	6	Fathers brothers wife.	af. Amita relictus	6	Fathers sisters husband.
af. Auunculi relictā	7	Mothers brothers wife.	af. Matertera relictus	7	Mothers sisters husband.
af. Amita vxoris	8	Wives fathers sister.	af. Patruus mariti	8	Husbands fathers brother.
af. Matertera vxoris.	9	Wives mothers sister.	af. Auunculus mariti	9	Husbands mothers brother.
<i>Primus gradus in linea recta ascendente.</i>			<i>Primus gradus in linea recta ascendente.</i>		
Con. Mater	10	Mother.	Con. Pater	10	Father.
af. Nouerca	11	Stepmother.	af. Vitricus	11	Stepfather.
af. Socrus	12	Wives mother.	af. Socer	12	Husbands father.
<i>Primus gradus in linea recta descendente.</i>			<i>Primus gradus in linea recta descendente.</i>		
Con. Filia	13	Daughter.	Con. Filius	13	Sonne.
af. Priuigna	14	Wives daughter.	af. Priuignus	14	Husbands sonne.
af. Nurus	15	Sonnes wife.	af. Gener	15	Daughters husband.
<i>Primus gradus equalis in linea transversa</i>			<i>Primus gradus equalis in linea transversa</i>		
Con. Soror	16	Sister.	Con. Frater	16	Brother.
af. Soror vxoris	17	Wives sister.	af. Leuir	17	Husbands brother.
af. Fratrī relictā	18	Brothers wife.	af. Sororis relictus	18	Sisters husband.
<i>Secundus gradus in linea recta descendente</i>			<i>Secundus gradus in linea recta descendente</i>		
Con. Neptis ex filio	19	Sonnes daughter.	Con. Nepos ex filio	19	Sonnes sonne.
con. Neptis ex filia	20	Daughters daughter.	con. Nepos ex filia	20	Daughters sonne.
af. Pronurus. i. relictā nepotis ex filio	21	Sonnes sonnes wife.	af. Progener. i. relictus nepotis ex filio	21	Sonnes daughters husband.
af. Pronurus. i. relictā nepotis ex filia	22	Daughters sonnes wife.	af. Progener. i. relictus nepotis ex filia	22	Daughters daughters husband.
af. Priuigni filia	23	Wives sonnes daughter.	af. Priuigni filius	23	Husbands sonnes sonne.
af. Priuignae filia	24	Wives daughters daughter.	af. Priuignae filius	24	Husbands daughters sonne.
<i>Secundus gradus inaequalis, in linea transversa descendente.</i>			<i>Secundus gradus inaequalis, in linea transversa descendente.</i>		
Con. Neptis ex fratre	25	Brothers daughter.	Con. Nepos ex fratre	25	Brothers sonne.
con. Neptis ex sorore	26	Sisters daughter.	con. Nepos ex sorore	26	Sisters sonne.
af. Nepotis ex fra re relictā	27	Brothers sonnes wife.	af. Nepotis ex fratre relictus	27	Brothers daughters husband.
af. Nepotis ex sorore relictā	28	Sisters sonnes wife.	af. Nepotis ex sorore relictus	28	Sisters daughters husband.
af. Neptis vxoris ex fratre	29	Wives brothers daughter.	af. Leuiris filius. i. nepos mariti ex fratre	29	Husbands brothers sonne.
af. Neptis vxoris ex sorore.	30	Wives sisters daughter.	af. Gloris filius. i. nepos mariti ex sorore.	30	Husbands sisters sonne.

It is to be noted, that those persons which be in the direct line, ascendent and descendent, can not marrie together, although they be neuer so farre asunder in degree.

It is also to be noted, that consanguinitie and affinitie (letting and dissoluing Matrimonie) is contracted as well in them and by them, which be of kinred by the one side, as in and by them, which be of kinred by both sides.

Item, that by the lawes, Consanguinitie and affinitie (letting and dissoluing Matrimonie) is contracted as well by vnlawfull companie of man and woman, as by lawfull marriage.

Item, in contracting betwixt persons doubtful, which be not expressed in this table, it is most sure, first to consult with men learned in the lawes, to vnderstande what is lawfull, what is honest and expedient, before the finishing of their contracts.

Item that no Parson, Vicar, or Curate, shall solemnize Matrimonie out of his or their cure or Parish Church or Chappell, and shall not solemnize the same in priuate houses, nor lawlesse or exempt Churches, under the paines of the lawe, forbidding the same. And that the Curate haue the Certificates, when the parties dwell in diuerse parishes.

Item the bands of Matrimonie ought to be openlie denounced in the Church by the Minister, three severall Sundays or festiuall dayes, to the intent, that who will and can alledge anie impediment, may bee heard, and that they may be made till further triall, if anie exception be made there against it vpon sufficient caution.

Item, who shall maliciouslie obiect a frivolous impediment against a lawfull Matrimonie, to disturbe the same, is subiect to the paines of the lawe.

Item, who shall presume to contract in the degrees prohibited (though he doe it ignorantlie) besides that the fruite of such copulation may bee iudged vnlawfull, is also punishable at the Ordinaries discretion.

Item, if anie minister shall contayne anie such, or shall be present at such contracts making, he ought to be suspended from his ministerie for three yeeres: and otherwise to be punished according to the lawes.

Item, it is further ordained, that no Parson, Vicar, or Curate, doe preach, treat, or expound of his owne voluntarie inuention, anie matter of controuersie in the Scriptures, if he be vnder the degree of a maister of Art, except he be licensed by his Ordinarie thereunto, but onelie for the instruction of the people, reade the Homilies already set forth, and such other forme of doctrine as shalbe hereafter by authoritie published. And shall not inuocate or alter anie thing in the Church, or vse anie old Rite or Ceremonie, which be not set forth by publique authoritie.

Set forth by the most reuerend father in God, Matthew Archbishop of Canterburie, Primate of all England, and Metropolitane.

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